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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know, Sir, for how long these cases have been pending?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not have the information at present.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, I understand that these cases are pending with the Government for over a year, and that in some cases it is even two years. Will the Government kindly see that, as they promised, they equip themselves with statutory powers to enforce their decision on the management?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. When we frame the Educational Code, this also will be taken into consideration.

Chembarampakkam tank

* 22 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have instituted any enquiry into the causes for the low-level of water in Chembarampakkam tank;

(*b*) the steps proposed to be taken in the matter;

(*c*) when sand and silt at Kesavaram anicut were last cleared; and

(*d*) the steps, if any, taken or proposed to be taken to improve the anicut?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Public Works) : (*a*) & (*b*) There is no need to institute an enquiry, as all possible steps have been taken to augment and improve the supply condition of the Chembarampakkam tank which depends on various sources of supply. Unless there is normal rainfall in the Kortilliar catchment above Kesavaram anicut and normal floods in the Palar, there is no scope for improving the storage in the tank.

(*c*) There is no need to clear the silt and sand at Kesavaram anicut and hence, no clearance was made.

(*d*) All improvements to the anicut that are necessary have already been carried out including the raising of the crest of the anicut by 2 feet. There are at present no proposals under consideration for any further improvements.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : As, in spite of the monsoon, we find that every tank has no water at all, will the Government issue instructions to the Executive Engineer to see that the silted-up feeder channels are cleared up as early as possible?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, it is the view of the Executive Engineer that paucity of water in this tank is not due to any silting up, but due to lack of adequate rains, and that there is no other way of increasing the water-supply here.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: As a number of small-scale irrigation schemes have been proposed by the District Planning Committees of Chingleput and North Arcot districts and, I believe, of other districts also, will the Government consider the question of investigating these small or medium sized irrigation schemes to improve the irrigation sources of the different districts? 3-20 p.m.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: That is a general question. The main question relates to Chembarampakkam tank only.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: Apart from the low-level or there being no water in this tank, there is no electricity connection in the travellers' bungalow very near the tank. May I know whether, because of the low-level, the Government do not want to electrify the travellers' bungalow? (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: I wish we could produce some electricity from the water resources there.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: May I know whether some special arrangement could be made to deepen the Kambakkal and Chatrakal channels? Because, on a personal visit to that place last month, I found that there was no free flow of water to feed the Chembarampakkam tank.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: These were the very things that were investigated by the Executive Engineer. This is a case of lack of water resources, due to inadequate rain. When there is no water at all, there is no point in merely deepening the channels.

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY: May I know whether it will affect the water-supply to the City of Madras?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: The City water-supply will not be affected.

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY: Thank you, Sir.

Repairs to school building damaged by cyclone in November 1955

* 23 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of aided elementary schools in Tanjore district that applied to the District Collector, Tanjore, for grant from the Madras Cyclone Relief Fund for carrying out repairs to school buildings damaged by the cyclone in November 1955; and

(*b*) the number of schools that were given such grants and the total number given?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) & (*b*) Four schools applied and one school, viz., the Kasturba Kanya Gurukulam of Vedaranyam, was given grant of Rs. 11,000.